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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCPF

SUBJECT: Meeting of OCB Staff, 25 September.

1. A larger group than had been present at the earlier meetings assembled at [] office at 1000 to discuss the future of the Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee. Present were: [] and Phillips of State, Godel and Colonel Frazer of Defense, General Porter of FOA, Abbott Washburn of USIA, and myself.

2. There was an extended review of the previous POC functions, in which it was evident that no one suggested a similar procedure for the future. However, I made the point that the POC staff (on which [] represented us) had been useful, mainly as a liaison group. I suggested that a good solution would be to have this staff function continued, with fairly strong representation from each of the interested agencies; and that these staff designees report to the senior individuals who will be meeting with [] each week in preparation for the OCB meetings. The thinking behind this is that many matters can be settled at the working level, with informal daily reports to an appropriate level within each agency; and that since these senior individuals will be meeting regularly anyway, they could probably dispose of the POC-type of problem within a very few minutes. This view was accepted by Defense, but was questioned by State, which was not sure that they would get sufficient benefit from a full time representative at USIA. Phillips mentioned in this connection the daily briefing in his office of the five public affairs officers, and two representatives of USIA (I discussed with him later, and we agreed that we need not send a representative to those meetings, since [] fills us in on them daily.). FOA wishes to defer judgment on this point. USIA, I believe, will accept it. [] is attempting to resolve this into a definite proposal for circulation next week. Attached is a copy of the summary provided for discussion at this meeting.

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Chief

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Summary

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